ELEVEN SOUL

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SEIUCHIROH TODONO

How you are fallen from heaven,
O Day Star, son of Dawn!
How you are cut down to the ground,
you who laid the nations low!
You said in your heart,
"I will ascend to heaven;
above the stars of God.
I will set my throne on high;
I on the mount of assembly,
Far reaches of the north,
heights of the clouds;
the Most High"

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SEITONOMON TOONARO

もう何年も前ですが、俳優のショーン=コネリーがイギリス女王から「騎士」の称号をもらったというニュースをテレビで見たことがあります。「日本にも侍の称号があったら面白いのに……」と思ったのがこの作品の始まりでした。テロ対策として日本にも自由な権限を持つ特殊部隊を作ったらどうかという番組を見て、「軍人としての侍」を復活させるアイデアが固まりました。前の連載より以前にも半ファンタジーSFの話は考えていましたが、例によって設定が多すぎたのでシャヘルの設定と主人公のデザインだけ継承しています。それでも毎回毎回理屈っぽいクセに裏付けのアヤしい作品ですが辛抱強く見守って頂けたら幸いです。

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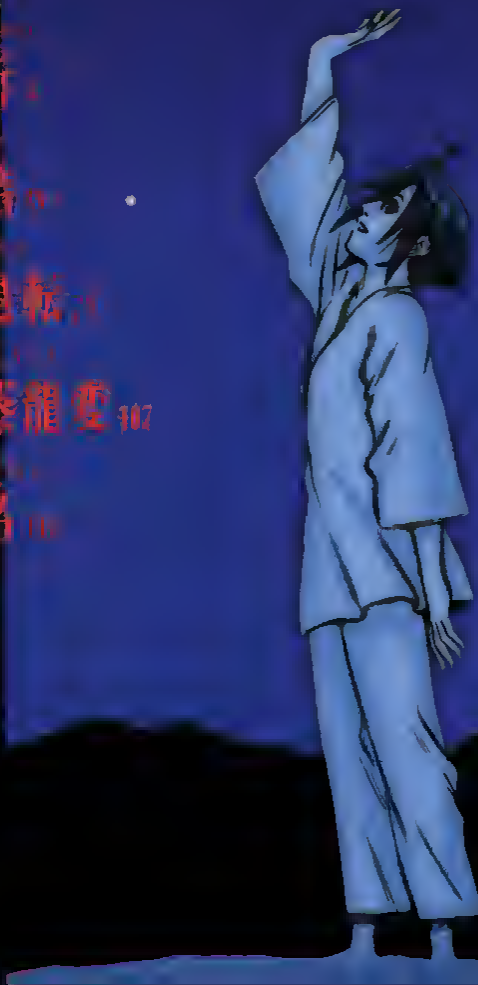
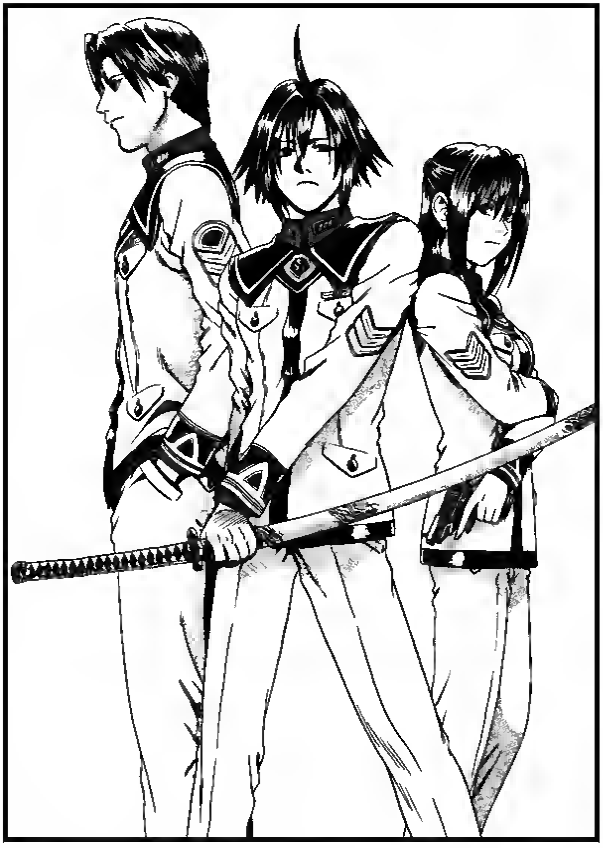


—— Bright star, morning star, why have you fallen from the sky?
What had blown you into the lands of this fallen country ——?

In your heart, you used to think: "I will rise up into the sky and raise my throne above all other stars; I will sit at the zenith of the mountain where they gather, in the farthest reaches of the north... I will rise above the clouds and be an equal of the gods."

——— However, you were destined to fall into the shadows,
straight to the very bottom of a deep dark hole.
[The Isaya Scriptures]

PHASE:1 Samurai Force



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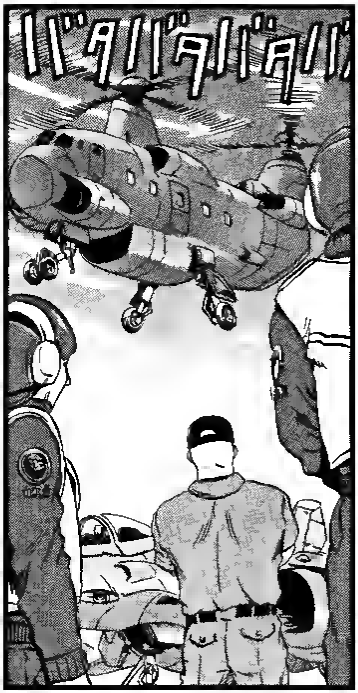
Maui Island, Hawaii - Self-sustaining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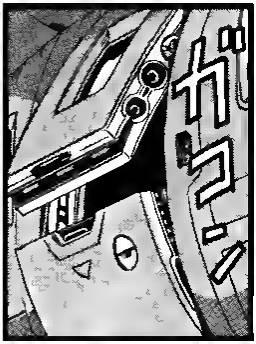
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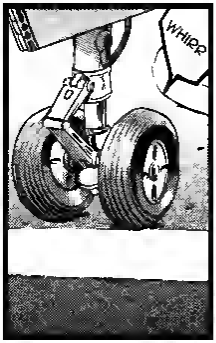
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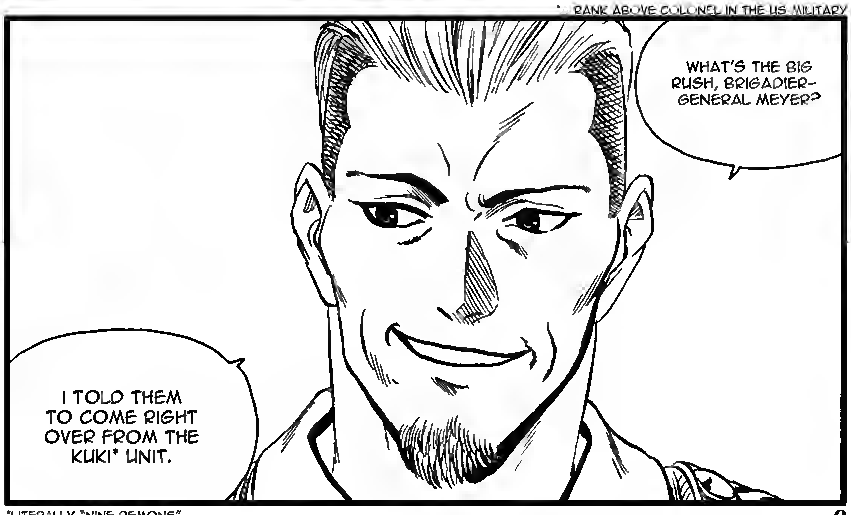
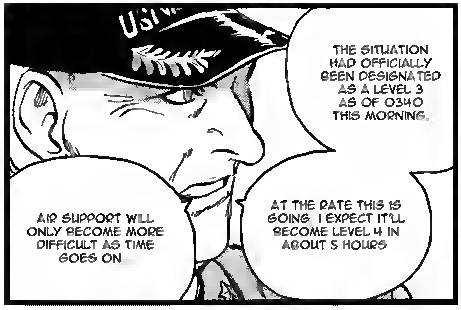
YOU GOT HERE EARLIER THAN I EXPECTED.
CAN I ASSUME YOU'VE BROUGHT YOUR BEST TROOPS?

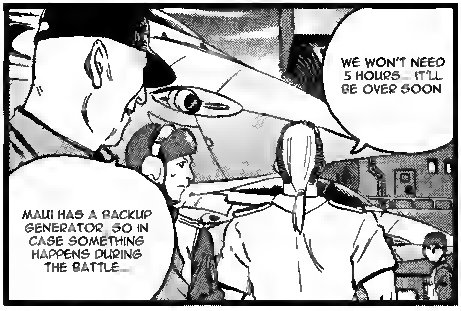
* RANK ABOVE COLONEL IN THE US MILITARY

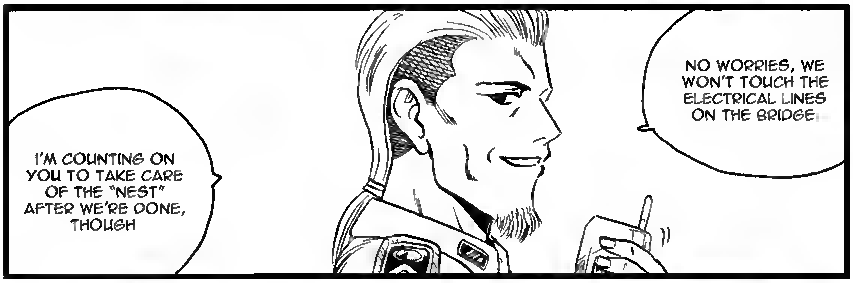


*LITERALLY "NINE DEMONS"


THE SITUATION HAD OFFICIALLY BEEN DESIGNATED AS A LEVEL 3 AS OF 0340 THIS MORNING.
AT THE RATE THIS IS GOING, I EXPECT IT'LL BECOME LEVEL 4 IN ABOUT 5 HOURS
AIR SUPPORT WILL ONLY BECOME MORE DIFFICULT AS TIME GOES ON.

WHAT'S THE SITUATION OVER THERE?
WE'VE LOST COMMUNICATION WITH THE TROOPS WE SENT 8 MINUTES AGO...
AND NOW THERE ARE 6 UNITS STUCK AT THE BRIDGE, UNABLE TO MOVE FORWARD


WE WON'T NEED 5 HOURS... IT'LL BE OVER SOON
MAUI HAS A BACKUP GENERATOR, SO IN CASE SOMETHING HAPPENS DURING THE BATTLE...


NO WORRIES, WE WON'T TOUCH THE ELECTRICAL LINES ON THE BRIDGE.
I'M COUNTING ON YOU TO TAKE CARE OF THE "NEST" AFTER WE'RE DONE, THOUGH

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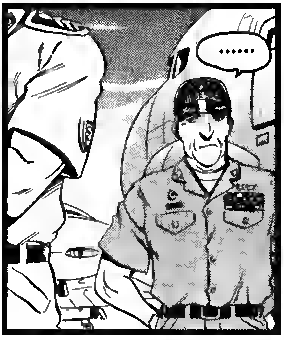
OH, BUT BEFORE THAT...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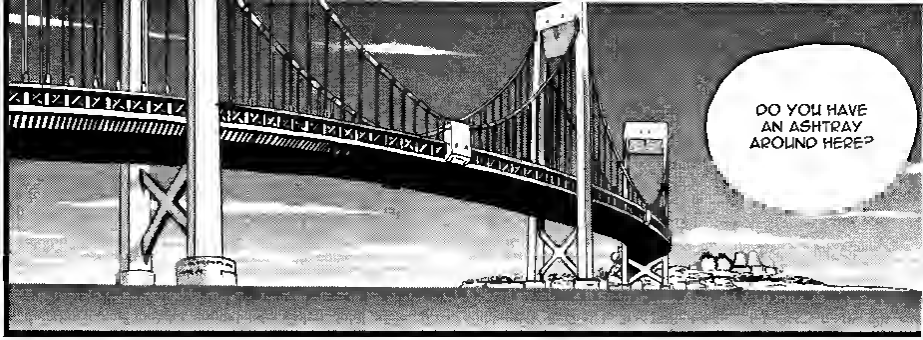
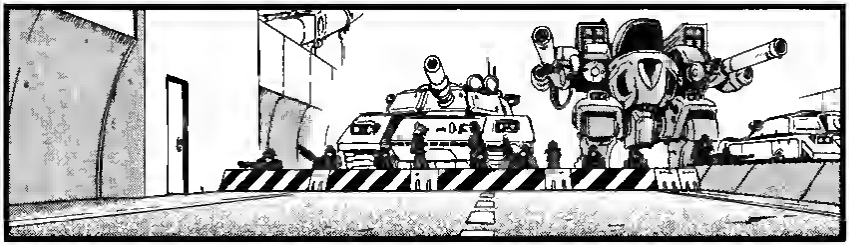
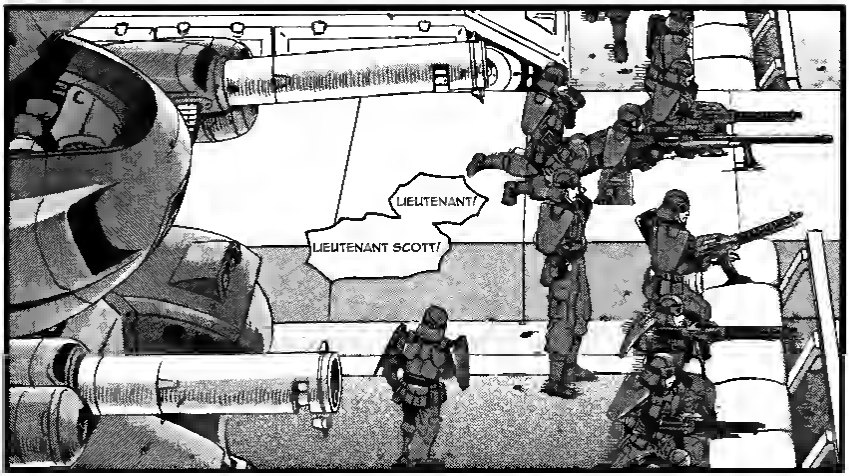

DO YOU HAVE AN ASHTRAY AROUND HERE?

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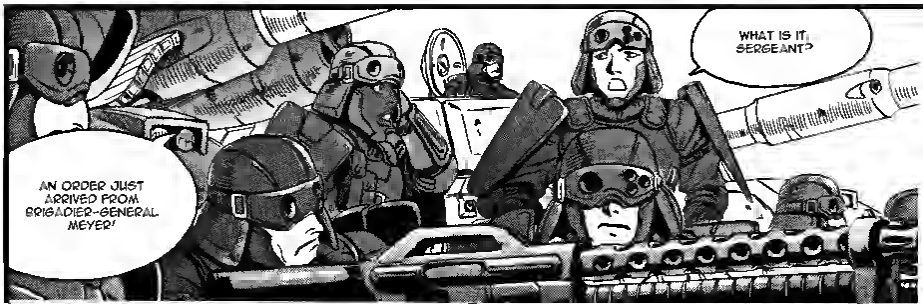
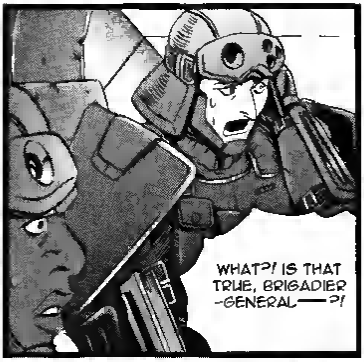
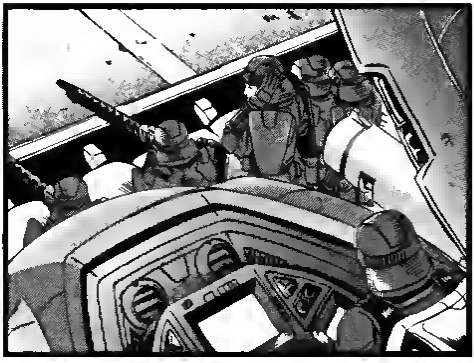
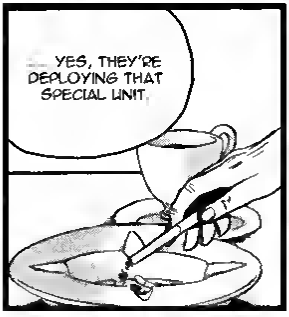
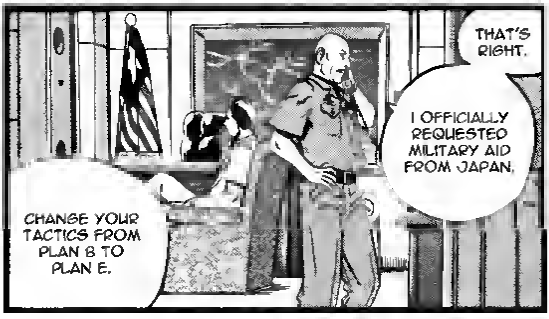
LIEUTENANT SCOTT!

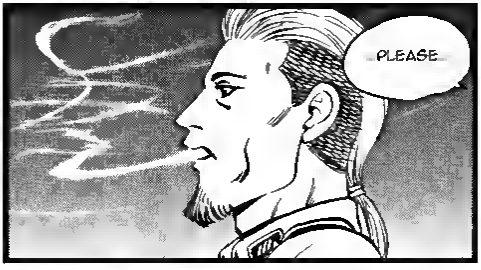

WHAT IS IT, SERGEANT?
AN ORDER JUST ARRIVED FROM BRIGADIER-GENERAL MEYER!


WHAT?! IS THAT TRUE, BRIGADIER -GENERAL——?!




... YES, THEY'RE DEPLOYING THAT SPECIAL UNIT.


THAT'S RIGHT.
I OFFICIALLY REQUESTED MILITARY AID FROM JAPAN.
CHANGE YOUR TACTICS FROM PLAN B TO PLAN E.


PLEASE...

THEY PLAN TO BE THERE BY 1650 TODAY.
YOU MUST STAY THERE AND HOLD THEM BACK UNTIL THEY ARRIVE, THEN PROVIDE SUPPORT AS NEEDED

LIEUTENANT?

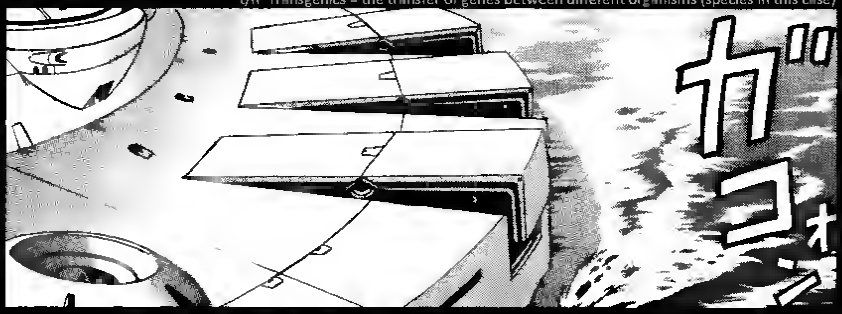
ドン
DAMN IT!

SWITCH TO PLAN E.
THE "SAMURAI" ARE COMING!
HUH?

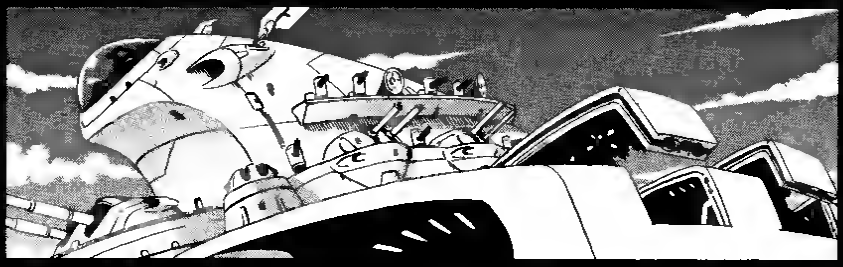
The middle of the 21st century... the human civilization is facing a test.

Rapid advancements in the field of genetic engineering brought many innovative inventions into the world and inspired further research... Soon, scientists had discovered that transgenics could correct what we perceive as "weakness" within our genes... the dream of an immortality gene was within reach.

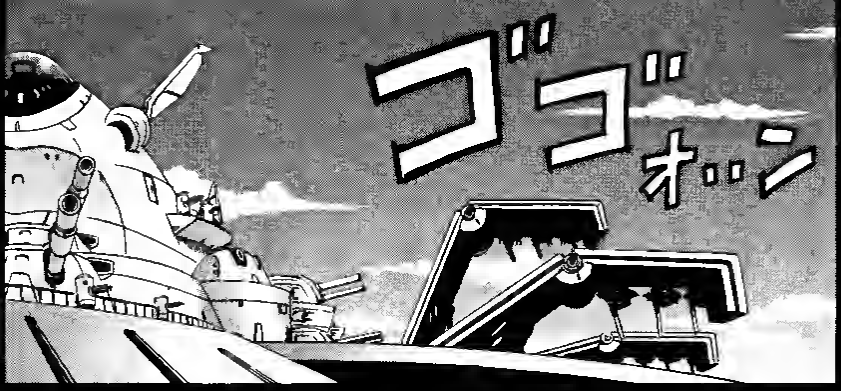
t/n Transgenics = the transfer of genes between different organisms (species in this case)



However, samples escaped from an immortality gene research laboratory and became a biological hazard... "they" absorbed genes it came into contact with, evolving into a terrifying creature, and eventually began to invade human settlements.

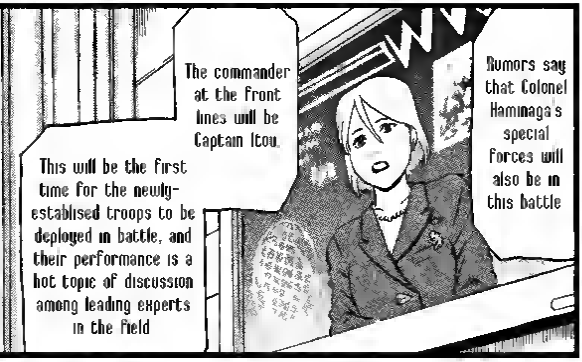


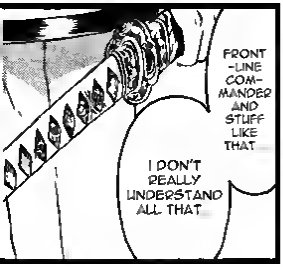
They came to be known as "Shaher" after the biblical arcangel. The Shaher possessed superior strength in battle, and conquered both north and south american continents... in just two years.

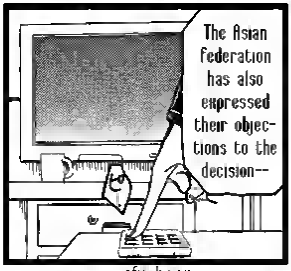


Since the birth of human civilization... For the first time in 10,000 years...

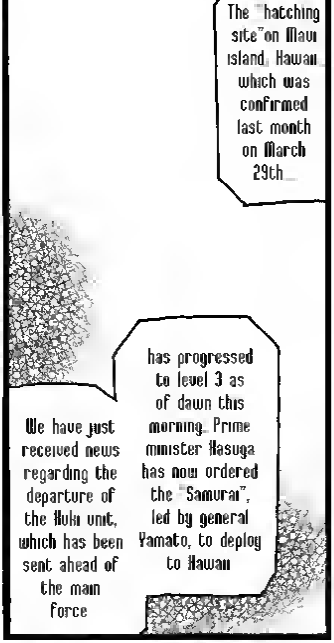
Humans have to contend with something more powerful than ourselves.

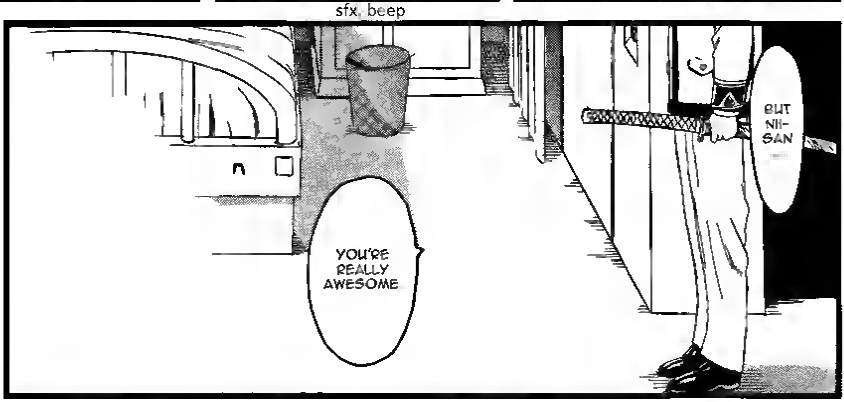

The commander at the front lines will be Captain Itou.
This will be the first time for the newly-established troops to be deployed in battle, and their performance is a hot topic of discussion among leading experts in the field
Rumors say that Colonel Hamanaga's special forces will also be in this battle

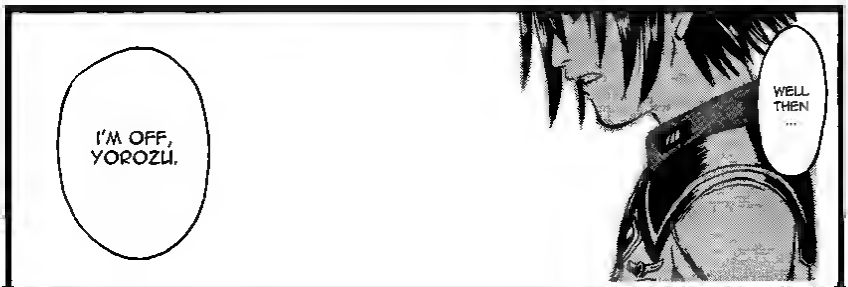

FRONT-LINE COMMANDER AND STUFF LIKE THAT...
I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND ALL THAT...

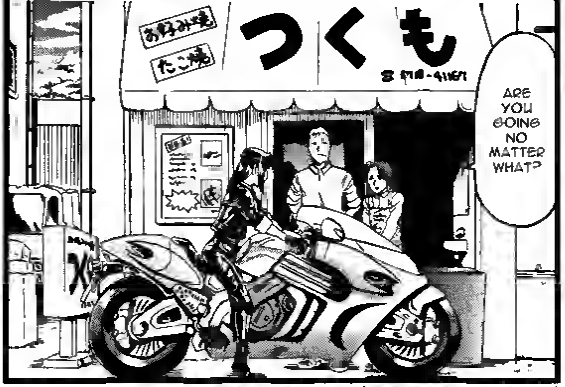

The Asian Federation has also expressed their objections to the decision--
BEEEE

sfx, beep


The "hatching site" on Maui Island, Hawaii which was confirmed last month on March 29th...
We have just received news regarding the departure of the Huki unit, which has been sent ahead of the main force
has progressed to level 3 as of dawn this morning. Prime minister Hasuga has now ordered the "Samurai", led by general Yamato, to deploy to Hawaii


YOU'RE REALLY AWESOME
BUT NII-SAN...


I'M OFF, YOROZU.
WELL THEN...



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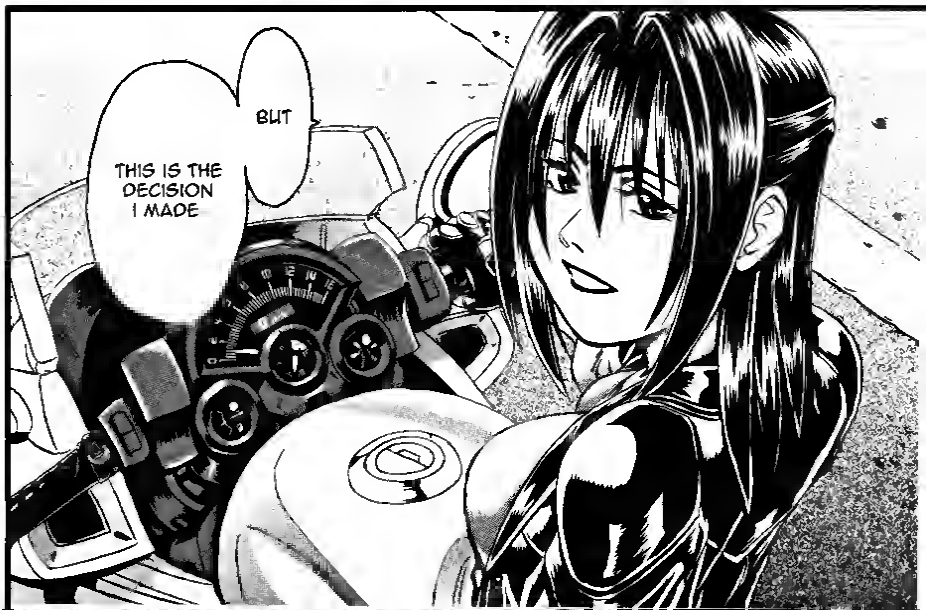
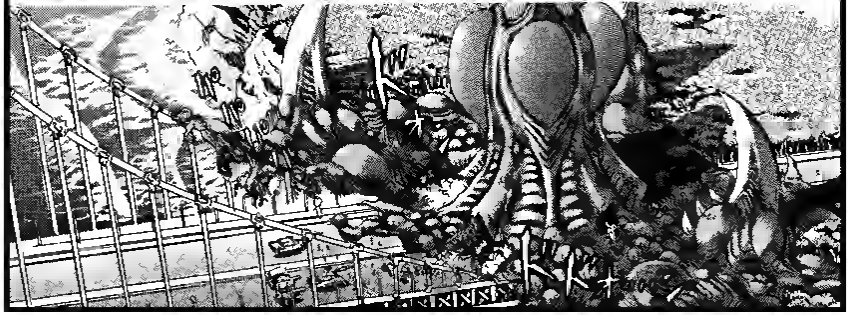
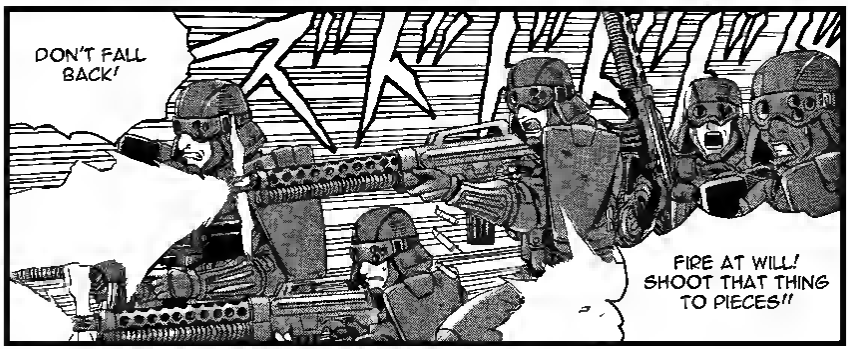
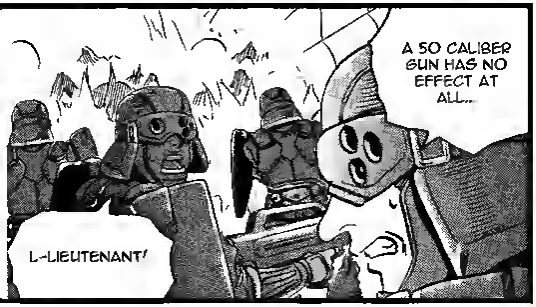
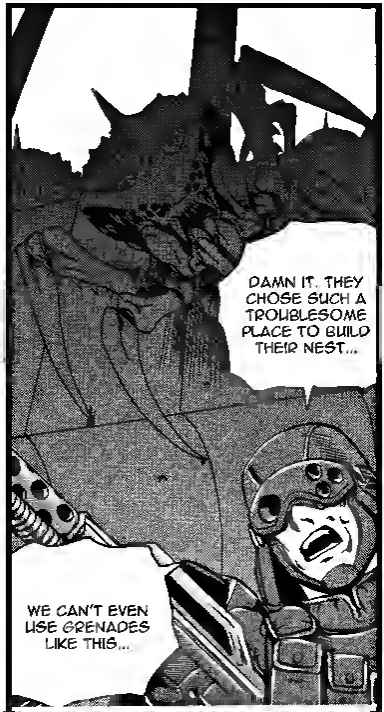
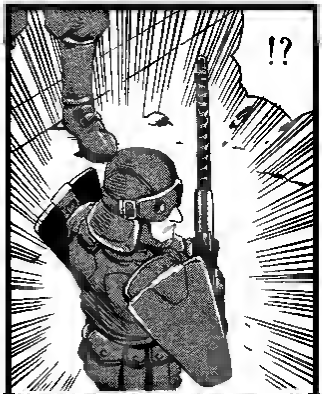





DON'T FALL BACK!
FIRE AT WILL! SHOOT THAT THING TO PIECES!!


A 50 CALIBER GUN HAS NO EFFECT AT ALL...
L-LIEUTENANT!


DAMN IT. THEY CHOSE SUCH A TROUBLESOME PLACE TO BUILD THEIR NEST...
WE CAN'T EVEN USE GRENADES LIKE THIS...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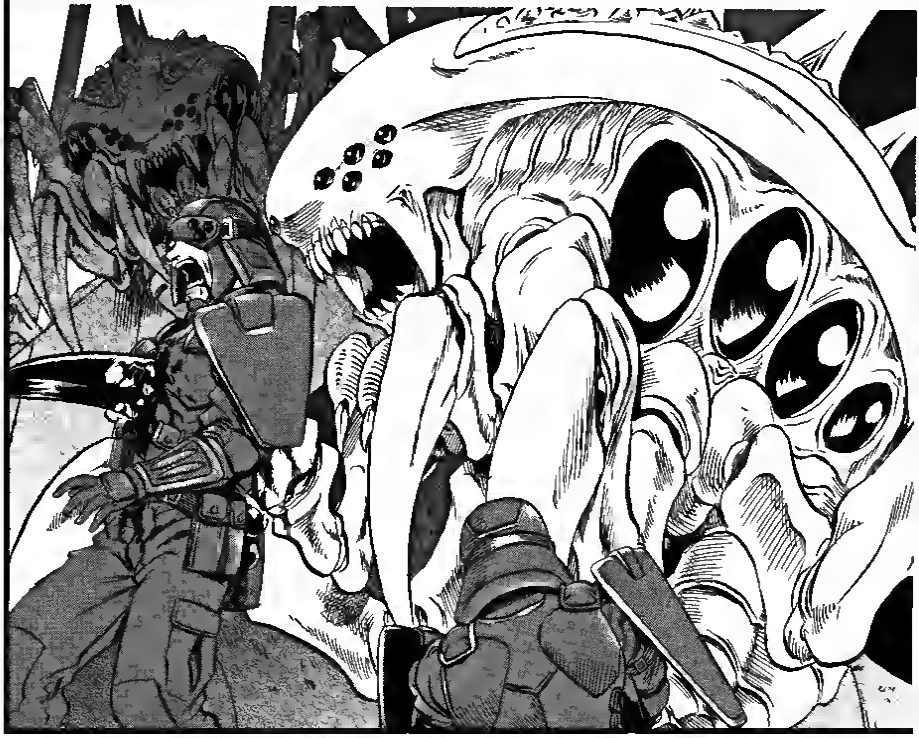
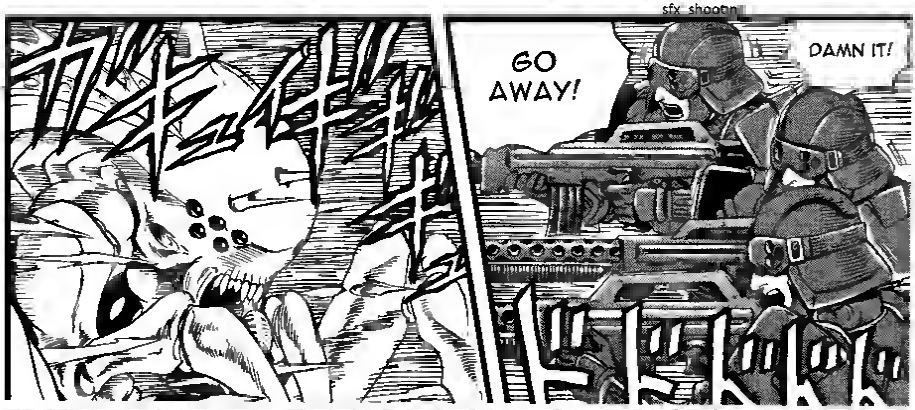


Sfx
monster
gurgles


sfx shooting
GO AWAY!
DAMN IT!

!?
IT GOT THROUGH THE ARMOR! ACID SPRAY ...?!
НУАААА!
sfx: shine

THAT'S...
!?
.....!!
WHAT?!

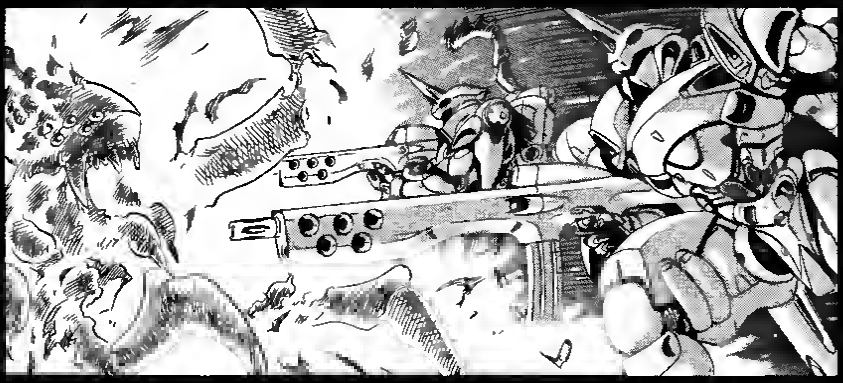
THE REINFORCED MILITARY-USE EXOSKELETON
"SAMURAI"!!
SFX: WHIRR

INSECTS?!
WHAT THE HELL DID THEY DO?!

CRACK
CRACK
!?

ゴゥアアoo
ゴゥアア
SFX ROAR
カシュッ
ワオオooo
ワオオ

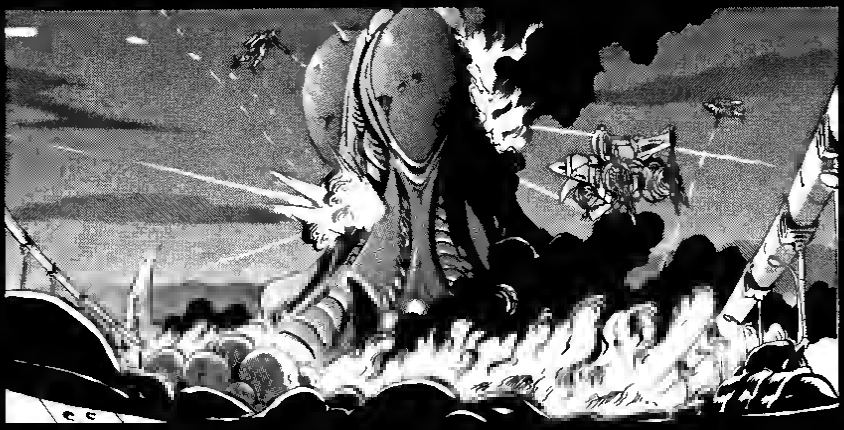
——— In the year since the Americas were wiped off the map...
Japan reorganized its military and assembled a special force against the Shaher. For the first time in a century, Japan holds power by sending military aid to foreign countries.



The key to this power lies in the "Samurai"... a special force made up of foot soldiers, whose nervous systems are enhanced through surgery and technology in order to allow them to pilot armored exoskeletons.

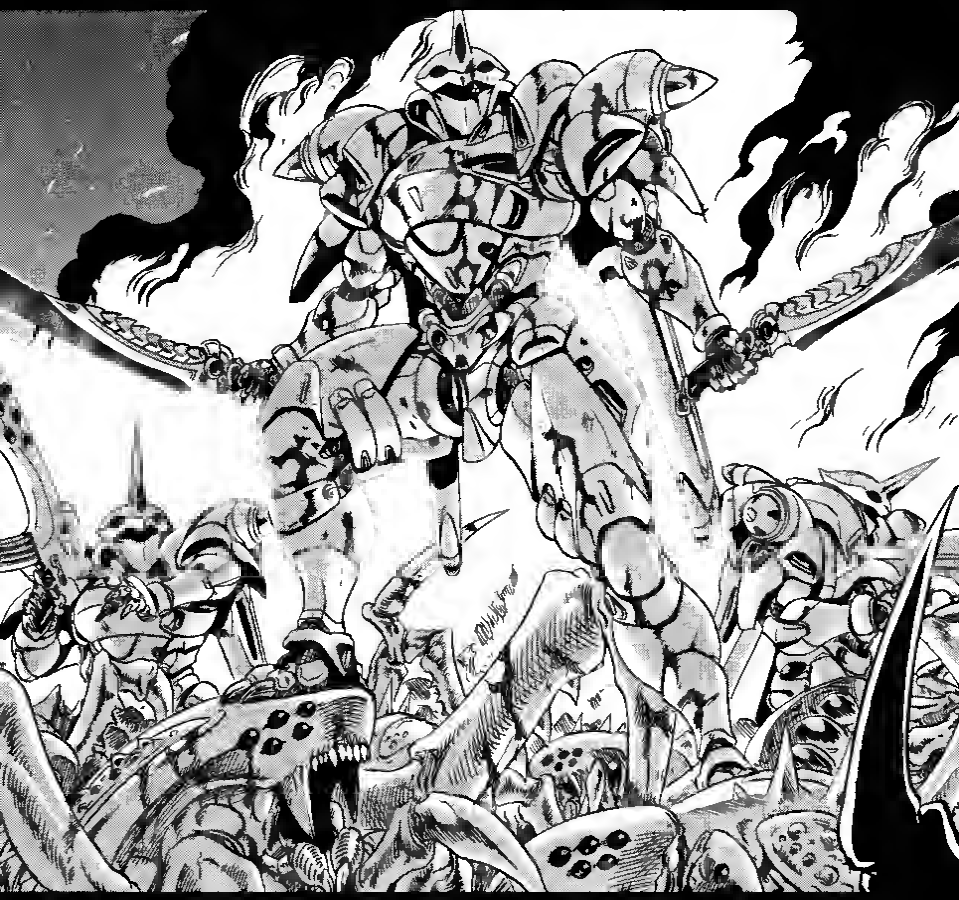
The special division "Samurai Force" is under the direct control of the prime minister, and invented, attends to, and transports the Samurai... In the span of a few years, they have developed the world's strongest soldiers. They are now deployed all over the world, and have an outstanding battle record against the Shaher.

At the same time, a new United Nations was formed in order to resist the Shaher, and man-made islands were constructed in the Pacific and Atlantic oceans as checkpoints. Thus, the Shaher were confined to the Americas and prevented from crossing over to other continents. However, the efforts to retake the Americas have been futile...



Many sacrifices were made... To this day, humans and Shaher wage battle across the oceans in a war of attrition. Now, countries are beginning to invest colossal amounts of money to develop their military...

In order to solve this problem,
we have no choice...



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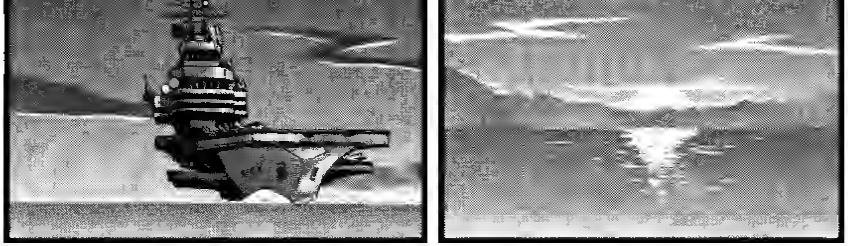

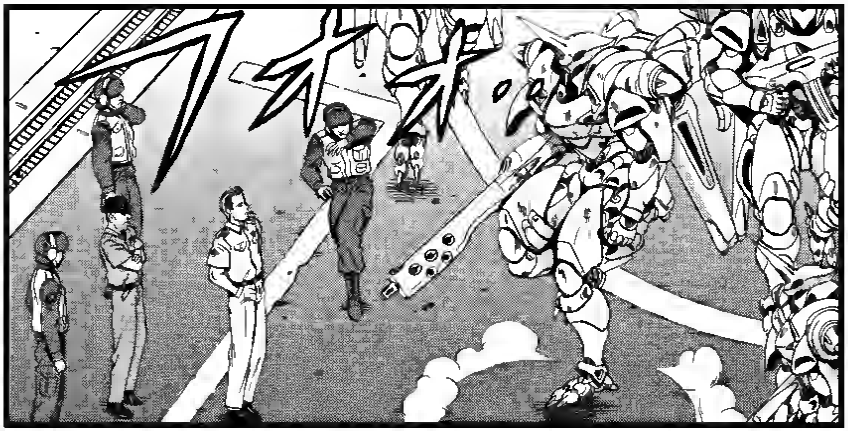

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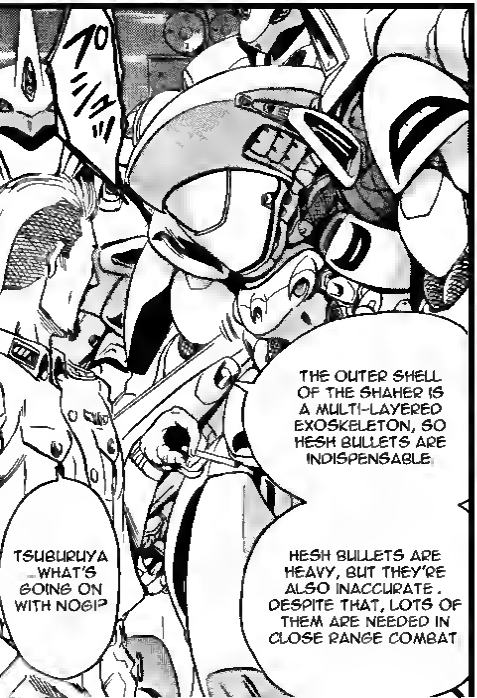

THE OUTER SHELL OF THE SHAHER IS A MULTI-LAYERED EXOSKELETON, SO HESH BULLETS ARE INDISPENSABLE!
HESH BULLETS ARE HEAVY, BUT THEY'RE ALSO INACCURATE. DESPITE THAT, LOTS OF THEM ARE NEEDED IN CLOSE RANGE COMBAT
TSUBURUYA ...WHAT'S GOING ON WITH NOGI?

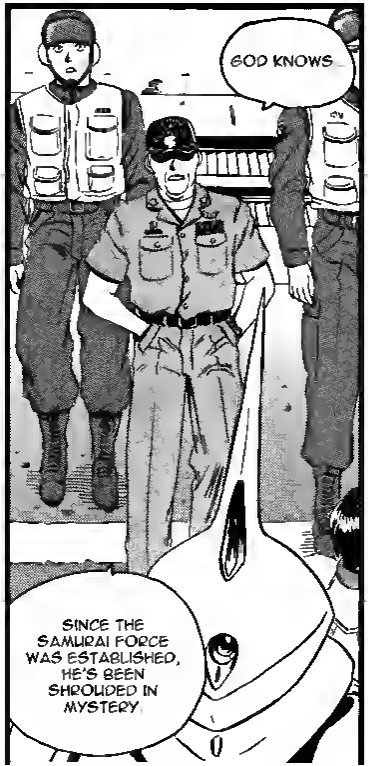
T/N FAMOUS SCIFI AUTHOR OF "STRANGER IN A STRANGE LAND"

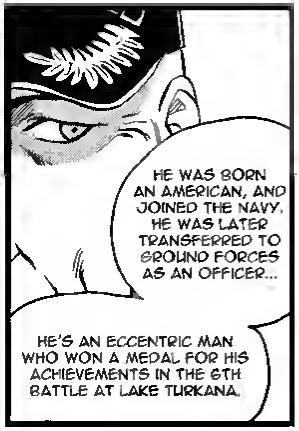
TOOK 'EM 11 MINUTES TO FINISH IT.
AGAINST THE MONSTERS WHO TAKE 50 CALIBER BULLETS LIKE IT'S NOTHING... ARE YOU KIDDING ME?
THEY BARELY PASSED...

NO6! HEADED BACK TO BASE AS SOON AS THE OPERATION WAS OVER
HAJIME-KUN TRIED TO STOP HIM, BUT YOU KNOW HOW IT IS
OH WELL
CAPTAIN ITOU!
HEY
WHAT IS THIS, A FIELD TRIP IN GRADE SCHOOL?
TCH, THOSE BRATS
THEY DON'T EXACTLY GET ALONG

HERE IS THE COMBAT REPORT BATTLE WAS INITIATED AT 1650 TODAY
COMBAT CEASED AT 1701 THE SAME DAY
DAMAGE REPORT NONE. NO DAMAGE TO OUR SIDE, SIR
ALSO, KUKI ITSUSA TOLD ME TO MAKE SURE THAT ANY NEW INFORMATON REGARDING THE ARMORED EXO-SKELETONS IS FORWARDED TO PROFESSOR YAMAURA
BRIGARDIER-GENERAL... WHAT'S UP WITH THESE GUYS?
ARE THEY REALLY THE "SAMURAI" WE'VE BEEN HEARING ABOUT?
THEY ARE SUPER SOLDIERS WHOSE NERVOUS SYSTEMS HAVE BEEN ENHANCED BY TECHNOLOGY...
NOT EVERYONE CAN SURVIVE THE SURGERY...
IT MUST BE DONE WHILE THE CHILD'S NERVOUS SYSTEM IS STILL DEVELOPING, OR IT COULD LEAD TO DEMENTIA...
THAT'S WHY THEY'RE ALL SO YOUNG...
THIS WAS A CONTROVERSIAL POINT DURING THE RESEARCH PHASE, BUT WAS QUICKLY FORGOTTEN AFTER THE AMERICAS FELL.

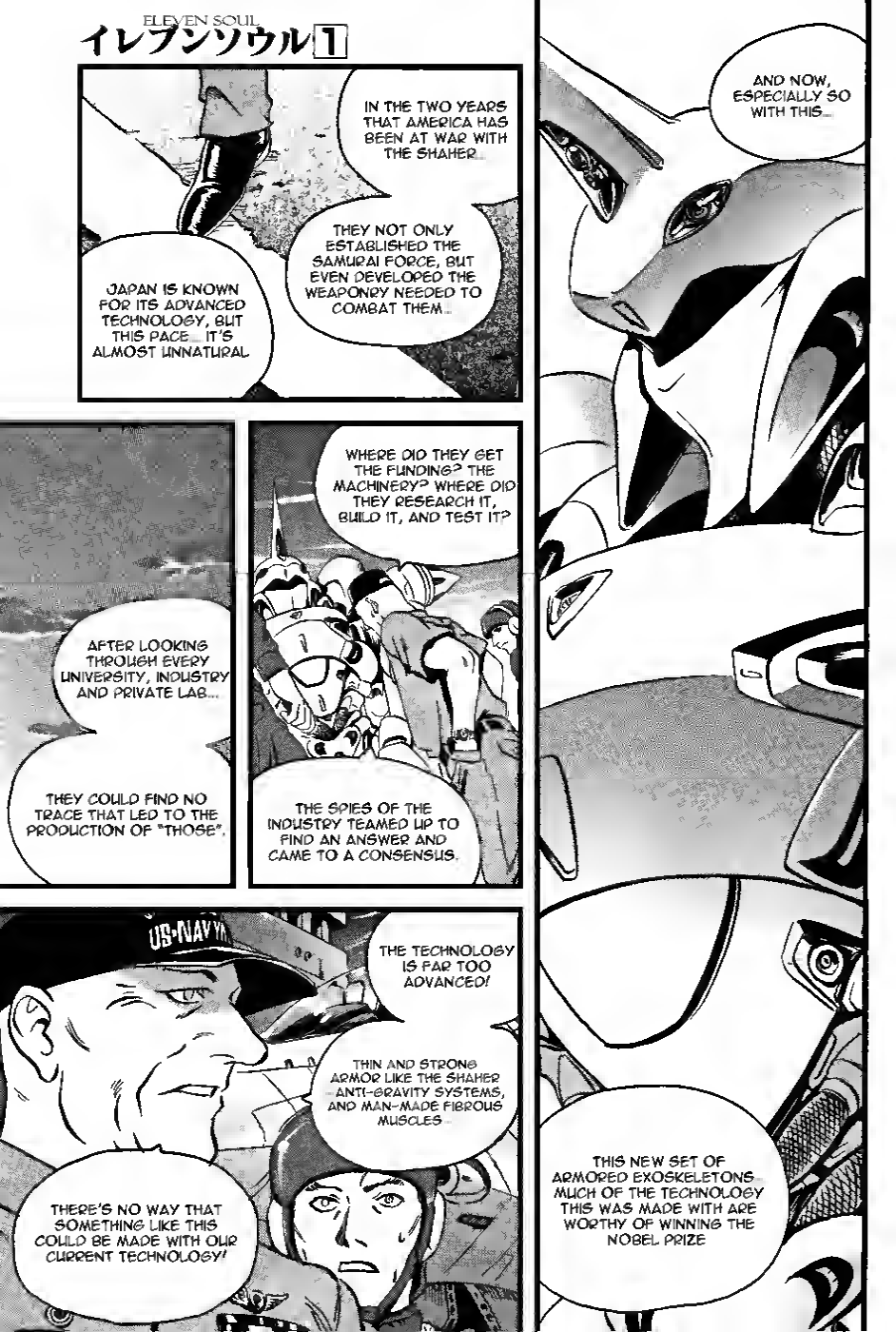
THE ONE WHO TRAINED THOSE WORLD CLASS SOLDIERS IS THAT MAN...
COLONEL KAMINAGA ITSUSA!


GOD KNOWS.
SINCE THE SAMURAI FORCE WAS ESTABLISHED, HE'S BEEN SHROUDED IN MYSTERY.

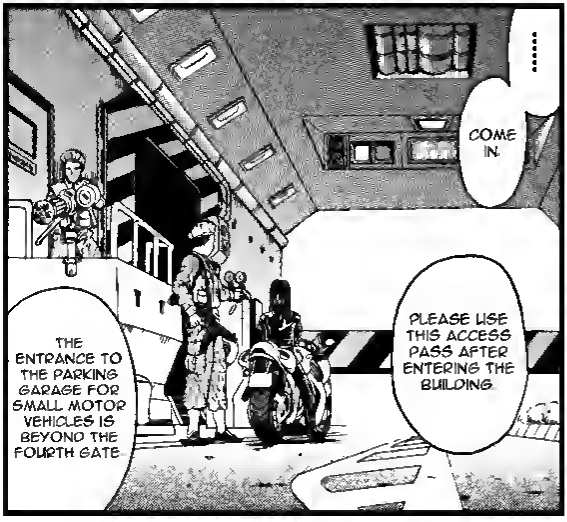

HE WAS BORN AN AMERICAN, AND JOINED THE NAVY. HE WAS LATER TRANSFERRED TO GROUND FORCES AS AN OFFICER...
HE'S AN ECCENTRIC MAN WHO WON A MEDAL FOR HIS ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE 6TH BATTLE AT LAKE TURKANA.

NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT... YOU SEEM TO BE ACQUAINTED WITH HIM, GENERAL.
YOU COULD SAY THAT...

I KNOW HIM FROM MY DAYS IN THE NAVY. HE WAS PRETTY FAMOUS BACK THEN.
SO WHY IS HE IN THE JAPANESE MILITARY?
HE WAS A RULE-BREAKER, BUT HE ALWAYS GOT RESULTS.


IN THE TWO YEARS THAT AMERICA HAS BEEN AT WAR WITH THE SHAHER...
THEY NOT ONLY ESTABLISHED THE SAMURAI FORCE, BUT EVEN DEVELOPED THE WEAPONRY NEEDED TO COMBAT THEM...
JAPAN IS KNOWN FOR ITS ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY, BUT THIS PACE... IT'S ALMOST UNNATURAL
AND NOW, ESPECIALLY SO WITH THIS...
WHERE DID THEY GET THE FUNDING? THE MACHINERY? WHERE DID THEY RESEARCH IT, BUILD IT, AND TEST IT?
AFTER LOOKING THROUGH EVERY UNIVERSITY, INDUSTRY AND PRIVATE LAB...
THEY COULD FIND NO TRACE THAT LED TO THE PRODUCTION OF "THOSE".
THE SPIES OF THE INDUSTRY TEAMED UP TO FIND AN ANSWER AND CAME TO A CONSENSUS.
US NAVY
THE TECHNOLOGY IS FAR TOO ADVANCED!
THIN AND STRONG ARMOR LIKE THE SHAHER... ANTI-GRAVITY SYSTEMS, AND MAN-MADE FIBROUS MUSCLES...
THERE'S NO WAY THAT SOMETHING LIKE THIS COULD BE MADE WITH OUR CURRENT TECHNOLOGY!
THIS NEW SET OF ARMORED EXOSKELETONS... MUCH OF THE TECHNOLOGY THIS WAS MADE WITH ARE WORTHY OF WINNING THE NOBEL PRIZE

T/N: OOPARTS ARE "OUT OF PLACE ARIFACTS" ABBREVIATED. REFERRING TO MYSTERIOUS TECHNIQUES BEYOND THE LIMITS OF KNOWN SCIENCE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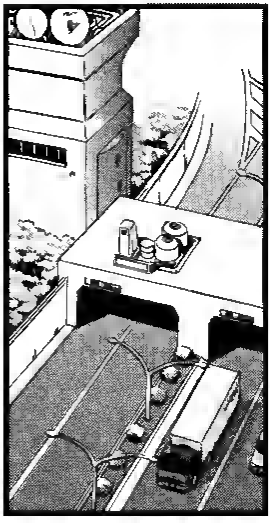
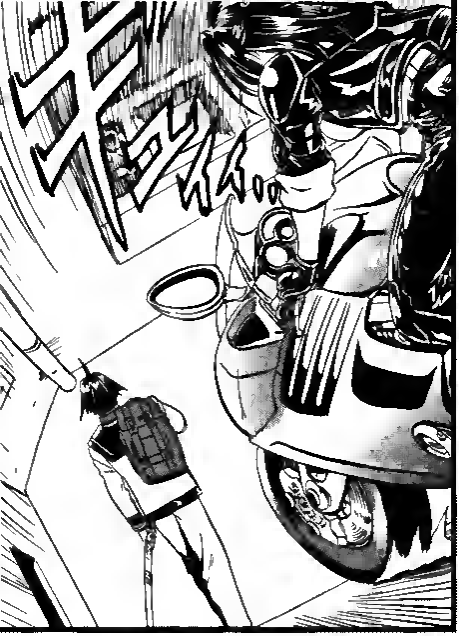
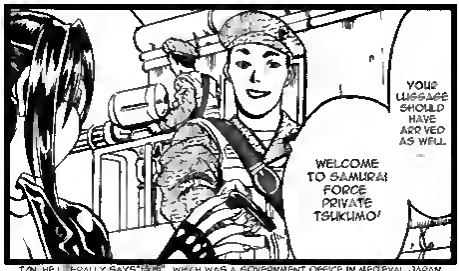
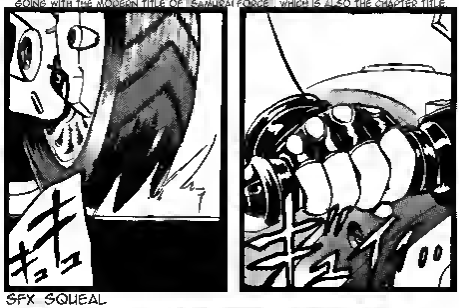
COME IN.
PLEASE USE THIS ACCESS PASS AFTER ENTERING THE BUILDING.
THE ENTRANCE TO THE PARKING GARAGE FOR SMALL MOTOR VEHICLES IS BEYOND THE FOURTH GATE.







T/N: HE LITERALLY SAYS "[illegible]" WHICH WAS A GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN MEDIEVAL JAPAN GOING WITH THE MODERN TITLE OF "SAMURAI FORCE," WHICH IS ALSO THE CHAPTER TITLE.



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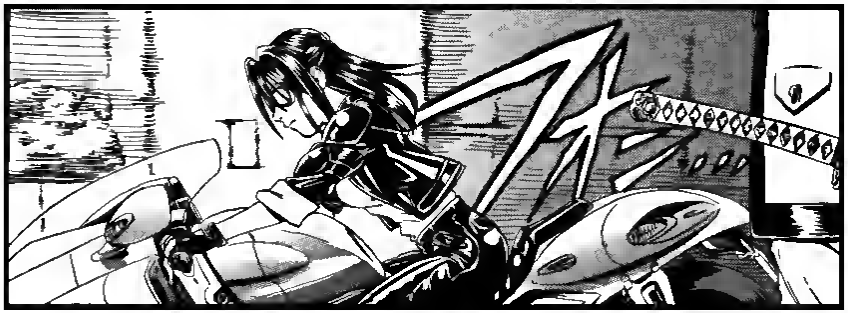

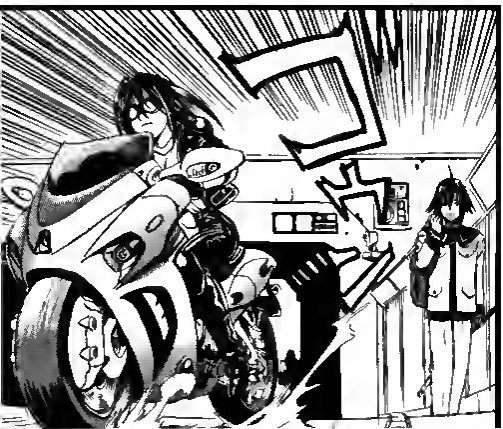

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